

President.—Not one meeting was held.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The answer is given in (6).

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Since this, no meetings were held?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know why it was not summoned, if this work was impending?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Were there any other contractors than Mr. Sitarama Ayyar for the work? Were the Government in negotiation with any of their scheduled contractors?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We considered the suitability of the other contractors to do the work.

Prescription of Text-Books.

460. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

(1) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a letter of Mr. K. J. Antony, Member of Palluruthy, sent with a cutting of the 'Dharmadeepika' regarding the Text-Book Committee, etc;

(2) if so, what action did the Government take on it;

(3) have the Government cared to verify the contents of the letter and the articles along with the files of the T. B. C. and the Board of Studies; and if so, will the Government be pleased to append all the papers along with the questionnaire;

(4) is it a fact that the Kerala Readers prescribed are only the old Chintamani Readers in a new form and name;

(5) has not this fact been brought to the notice of the Government and the President of the Committee by the members; even after the due information, did the Government take any action on the petition and with what result; if no action was taken, what are the reasons for the Government's keeping silence;

(6) what was the intention of the Government in nominating two of the Members of this House to the T. B. C. and the Board of Studies; will the Government be pleased to append a record of work since their nomination;

(7) was any of the defects, if any, brought to the notice of the Government by any of these members; and if so, what action did the Government take to remedy them;

(8) to whom does the copyright of the Chintamani Readers belong; what was the expense to get the books edited if it was done by the Government;

(9) have the Government been pleased to give any reply to the letter of Mr. K.J. Antony for the letter referred to above, and if so, will the Government be pleased to place the file on the Table?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) Yes.

(2) and (3). The papers were forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction with an order to remove misapprehension, if any, on the part of the complainants. A copy of the Director's order dated 3rd September 1929 on the matter is appended (*Vide Appendix VII*). Government regret that they do not find it necessary to append the other papers.

(4) It cannot be said that the Kerala Readers are the old Chintamani Readers in a new form or name. Some of the lessons are the same in both the readers but there is much difference between the two sets of readers in other respects.

(5) Yes. No answer necessary in view of answer to sub-division (4).

(6) To represent the Legislative Council on these bodies. No regular record of their work is being maintained.

(7) No.

(8) To Mr. Thomas Paul. The books were only published under the auspices of the Malayalam Improvement Committee, but the payment to the authors was made by the publisher himself.

(9) Vide answer to sub-division (3).

Water for irrigation.

461. Mr. Ouseph P. Kundukulam.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the District Magistrate has issued orders in favour of some particular cultivators to take water through *poramboke* canals, at the same time, prohibiting other cultivators to water their own lands through the only medium of the said *poramboke* canals;

(b) was there any petition from such cultivators whom the Government favoured;

(c) was any enquiry made before issuing the orders;

(d) if not, why not?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No orders were issued by the District Magistrate.

(b) No petition was received.

(c) and (d). In view of the answers to questions (a) and (b) no reply is called for.

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APPENDIX VII.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 460.)

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction.

Read letter, dated 5th Edavam 1104, from the Editor, "Dharma Deepika" forwarding copy of an article condemning the introduction of Kerala Readers 3 and 4.

(2) Letter, dated 19th May, 1929, from Mr. K. J. Antony, M. L. C. and (3) correspondence ending with remarks dated 26th June 1929 C. No. 5412 of 1104, from the President, Board of Studies.

Order, dated 3rd September 1929, Dis. No. 241/D/1105.

The Editor of Dharma Deepika and Mr. K. J. Antony are informed that it is not a fact that Kerala Readers 3 and 4 have not been approved by the Text Book Committee. These Readers were approved by the Committee at its meeting held in Kanni 1104, but when they were again presented with certain alterations they were rejected. The approval of the books in their present form in Kanni 1104 therefore stands.

As regards the prescription of two different series of Malayalam Readers for Lower and Upper Primary classes, they are informed that the question whether it was not desirable to prescribe Readers of the same series for all classes was thoroughly discussed by the Board and after mature consideration it was resolved that in the present circumstances different series might be used for the Lower and Upper Primary classes and this would not in any way affect the efficiency of teaching.

With regard to the allegations that Kerala Readers were only another set of Readers in a new name and that the publishers of these Readers were thereby guilty of an infringement of the rules of copyright, the Board of Studies thought that these matters were outside its legitimate sphere and hence they did not take any action. It is for the aggrieved party, if any, to take necessary action.

Kerala Readers Nos. 3 and 4 cannot be said to be free from all defects, but on this ground they cannot be considered inferior to the Vidya Vinodini series which too contain several mistakes as pointed out at the Board meeting.

(Signed)

Director.

To

The Editor, Dharma Deepika, Mr. K. J. Antony, M. L. C.
Copy to the President, Board of Studies.